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TAGS: MARR, NATO, SP, IT

SUBJECT: SPANISH ATTENDANCE AT ITALIAN/NATO COURSE

REF: A) MADRID 5416; B) STATE 198204

1. ITALIAN ARMY SOURCES TELL US--WE DID NOT GO INTO RATIONALE FOR INQUIRY--THAT COURSE IN QUESTION IS A BASIC COURSE IN EARLY WARNING FOR MIDDLE-RANKING LAND FORCES OFFICERS, SPONSORED BY THE ITALIAN MILITARY'S CENTER FOR ELECTRONIC DEFENSE. THE ITALIANS HAVE PROPOSED TO NATO, WITH NO RESPONSE TO DATE, THAT THIS COURSE BE HELD FROM MAY 6-25, 1974.

2. IN OUR VIEW, SPANISH SHOULD MAKE REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION DIRECTLY TO ITALIAN MILITARY. ITALIAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES WOULD NORMALLY BE WELL-DISPOSED TOWARD SPANISH MILITARY REQUEST, BUT SINCE COURSE WOULD BE UNDER NATO AUSPICES, AS DISTINCT FROM BILATERAL OR MULTINATIONAL NATURE OF PAST COOPERATIVE MILITARY PROJECTS, ITALIAN MOD MIGHT FEEL OBLIGED TO BRING FOREIGN MINISTRY INTO THE ACT, WITH CONSEQUENT GREATER RISK OF A NEGATIVE REPLY. (IN THIS CONNECTION, WE UNDERSTAND THAT STUDENTS WILL HAVE TO FIND OWN HOUSING ON THE ECONOMY, THUS ADDING TO LIKE-LIHOOD THAT PRESENCE OF SPANISH STUDENTS WILL BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE.) HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE CHANCES OF FAVORABLE RESPONSE WOULD BE GREATER DOING IT THIS WAY THAN IF U.S. WERE DIRECTLY INVOLVED AT THE BEGINNING. A U.S. INITIATIVE WOULD, WE SUSPECT, POLITICIZE THE ISSUE IMMEDIATELY.

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3. IF ITALIANS DO TURN DOWN REQUEST, WE WOULD THEN HAVE TO  
CONSIDER WHETHER DIRECT U.S. INTERVENTION WOULD BE WARRANTED.  
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